

ROMANTIC SECRETS

New Different, Thrilling Confessions

APPROVED
BY THE
COMICS
CODE



10¢

NO 5

JUL 26 A

ROMANTIC SECRETS

A CHARLTON PUBLICATION

THIS IS TORTURING
ME... I'LL TELL HIM RIGHT
NOW THAT I'LL NEVER
SEE HIM AGAIN!

I'LL NOT WAIT
ANY LONGER... I'M
GOING TO PROPOSE
RIGHT NOW...



IN THIS ISSUE!

- A WOMAN'S FAITH • INTERLUDE •
- DOCTOR'S BRIDE •

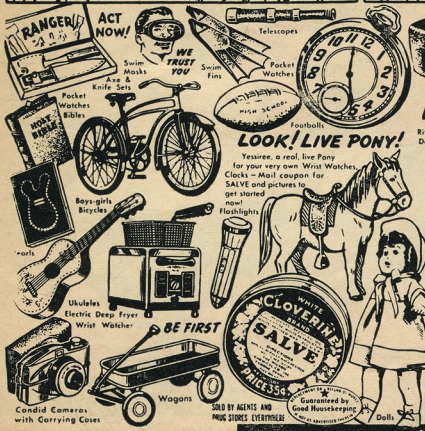


WEB COMIC
UNIVERSE.COM

GIVEN! BOYS! GIRLS! LADIES! MEN!

WE GIVE YOU CASH OR PREMIUMS!

JUDY and JIM DEFY SAVAGE GORILLA!



MAIL COUPON

BIG CATALOG!

ACT NOW!

Wilson Chemical Co., Dept. 99, Tyrone, Pa. Date.....

Gentlemen: Please send me on trial 14 colorful art pictures with 14 boxes of White CLOVERINE Brand SALVE to sell at 35c a box (with picture). I will remit amount asked within 30 days, select a Premium or keep Cash Commission as explained under Premium wanted in Catalog sent with order, postage paid to start.

NAME..... AGE.....

ST..... R. D. BOX.....

TOWN..... ZONE NO. STATE.....

PRINT LAST NAME HERE.....

Paste coupon on postal card or mail in envelope today

ROMANTIC SECRETS

ATOMIC MOUSE ★ BADGE OF JUSTICE ★ BLUE BEETLE ★ COWBOY LOVE ★ COWBOY WEST-ERN ★ DANGER and ADVENTURE ★ FUNNY ANIMALS—MERRY MAILMAN ★ GABBY HAYES ★ HOT RODS and RACING CARS ★ LASH LA RUE ★ MONTE HALE ★ MY LITTLE MARGIE ★ ROCKY LANE ★ SIX-GUN HEROES ★ SOLDIER and MARINE ★ SPACE ADVENTURES—ROCKY JONES, SPACE RANGER ★ SWEETHEARTS ★ TEX RITTER ★ This is SUSPENSE ★ TRUE LIFE SECRETS ★ TV TEENS—DON WINSLOW of the NAVY ★ WIN-A-PRIZE ★ ZOO FUNNIES, NYOKA, JUNGLE GIRL

CHARLTON PUBLICATION

Every effort is made to insure that these comic magazines contain the highest quality of wholesome entertainment.

Alfred P. Sigo

Executive Editor

INTERLUDE!

There was something Ellen had planned and dreamed of for years... and then her meeting with Michel intervened! That meeting of blissful sighs, ardent hearts...and overpowering love.

ALL THAT'S HAPPENED IN THIS TOWN... AND EVERYTHING BETWEEN US IS ONLY AN INTERLUDE... APART FROM MY REAL EXISTENCE! I...I'M LEAVING YOU... MICHEL!

NO, ELLEN! EVERYWHERE A PERSON GOES... EVERYTHING HE DOES... BECOMES A REAL PART OF HIM! WE'VE FALLEN IN LOVE... AND YOU'LL NEVER ESCAPE THE MEMORY OF THAT!

BY
MARC SWAYZE

WELCOME TO EDGETOWN" PROCLAIMED THE RUSTIC SIGN BESIDE THE ROAD... AND EDWARD DROVE CAREFULLY ON TOWARD THE SMALL TOWN THAT WAS TO BE MY DESTINATION. I SAT WORDLESSLY BESIDE HIM, FACING THE UNHAPPY PROSPECTS OF THE MONTHS TO COME.

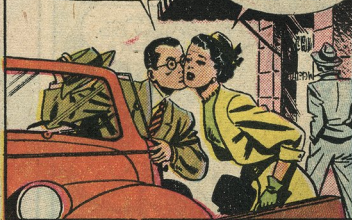
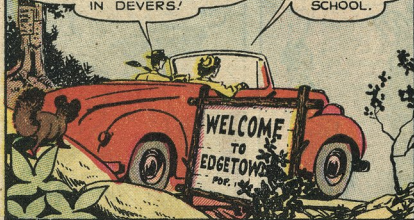
WELL...NOT MUCH FURTHER TO GO, ELLEN! THE DRIVE HAS TAKEN ME LONGER THAN I IMAGINED...AND THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS WAITING FOR ME TO GO BACK IN DEVERS!

I...I SUPPOSE YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE ME RIGHT AWAY AND GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL.

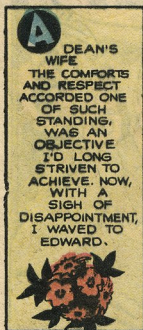
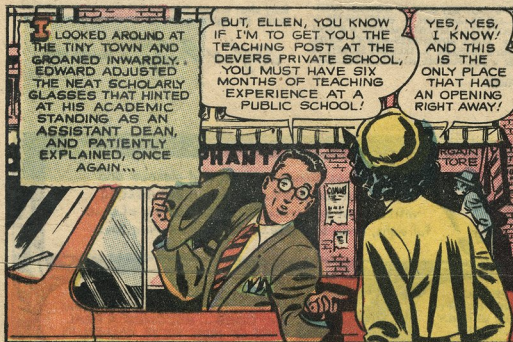
PRESENTLY, EDWARD PULLED THE CAR UP TO A STOP... UNLOADED MY SUITCASES, AND LEANED OVER TO GIVE ME A PERFUNCTORY FAREWELL KISS.

I'M SORRY, MY DEAR... THAT I WON'T HAVE TIME TO HELP YOU FIND A PLACE TO STAY.

OH, EDWARD... DO I REALLY HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH ALL THIS?



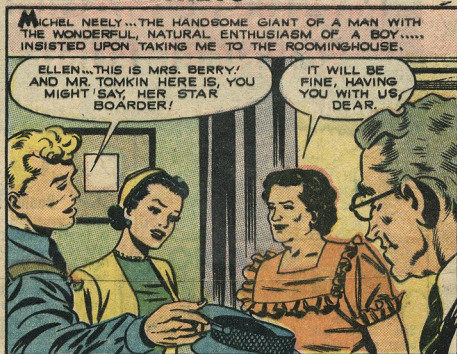
ROMANTIC SECRETS



ROMANTIC SECRETS



THANK YOU, NOW IF YOU'LL JUST DIRECT ME THERE!



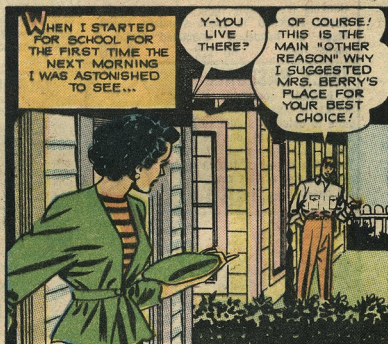
ELLEN...THIS IS MRS. BERRY! AND MR. TOMKIN HERE IS, YOU MIGHT SAY, HER STAR BOARDER!

IT WILL BE FINE, HAVING YOU WITH US, DEAR.



NEITHER SNOW NOR SLEET CAN DISTRACT A MAILMAN...BUT A PRETTY GIRL...WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT! GOT TO COMPLETE MY ROUTE NOW...SO LONG!

I'D SAY, MY DEAR...YOU'RE GOING TO BE OCCUPIED WITH THE MOST IRRESISTIBLE YOUNG MAN IN TOWN!



WHEN I STARTED FOR SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME THE NEXT MORNING I WAS ASTONISHED TO SEE...

Y-YOU LIVE THERE?

OF COURSE! THIS IS THE MAIN "OTHER REASON" WHY I SUGGESTED MRS. BERRY'S PLACE FOR YOUR BEST CHOICE!



OH... HELLO, THERE! I SEE YOU PEEKING!

COME ON OUT, TIMMIE...AND SEE THE NEW TEACHER! THIS OUGHT TO CHANGE YOUR MIND ABOUT HATING SCHOOL!



THE DOOR SWUNG OPEN TO REVEAL THE CUTE, TIMID LITTLE BOY THAT WAS MICHEL'S BROTHER. AND TIMMIE WAS LAME! MICHEL EXPLAINED IN A CONFIDENTIAL ASIDE.



SERIOUSLY...I SUGGESTED MRS. BERRY'S BECAUSE YOU'D BE CLOSE TO TIMMIE... AND HE COULD GO TO SCHOOL WITH YOU MORNINGS. HE FEELS SO OUT OF PLACE... WON'T PLAY WITH THE BOYS OR ANYTHING!

MYSTERY! MAGIC! SCIENCE! FUN!

To Amuse and Amaze Your Friends



A necessary tool for the amateur magician and a good joke too! Plastic, 14 inches long with white tips and a black center 5 exciting tricks—Rises, jumps, produces silk, etc. No. 240. **1.50**



Boomerang

Here's something new in target throwing. In case you miss, it comes right back to you, and bingo! you're all set to "fire" again. More fun than a "barrel of monkeys". No. 141. **50¢**



Ventro & Book

Your chance to be a ventriloquist. Throw your voice into trunks, behind doors, and everywhere. Instrument fits in your mouth and out of sight. You'll fool the teacher, your friends, and your family and have fun doing it. Free book on "How to Become a Ventriloquist". No. 137. **25¢**



RADIO MIKE

Talk, Sing, Play thru your radio

Sing, laugh, talk, crack jokes from an other room and your voice will be reproduced thru the radio! Fool everybody into thinking it's coming right out of the radio. Easily attached to most standard radios. Made of handsome enameled metal 4 inches high. No. 112. **1.98**

TRICK BASEBALL

It bounces cockeyed, it curves, it dips it's impossible to catch! It's sure to set all the kids on the block spinning after it. There's a barrel of fun in every bounce of this amazing baseball. No. 158. **50¢**



Your chance to have eyes in back of your head. See behind or alongside and no one knows you are watching. Fun everywhere you go. No. 146. **35¢**

LOOK-BACK SCOPE



TALKING TEETH

They move! They talk! They're weird! Guaranteed to shut the blabbermouths up for good. It'll really embarrass them. It's a set of big false teeth that when wound up, start to chatter away, like crazy. A great comic effect for false teeth on cold nights. No. 513. **1.25**

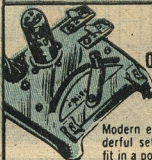


WHOOPEE CUSHION

Place it on a chair under a cushion, then watch the fun when someone sits down! It gives forth embarrassing noises. Made of rubber, and inflatable. A scream at parties and gatherings. No. 247. **50¢**



POWERFUL MANY EXCLUSIVE ITEMS AVAILABLE COMPACT ONE TUBE RADIO



Pocket Size... Brings in stations up to 1000 miles away

Modern electronics makes this wonderful set possible. So small it will fit in a pocket. Everything is supplied for you. Easy to assemble in a few minutes with just a screw driver. No soldering required. Really powerful too. Announcements of stations up to 1000 miles away come in so loud and clear you'd think they were right near home. Learn many useful and important things about radio. No. 205. **3.98**



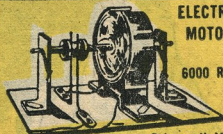
BLACK EYE JOKE

Show them the "naughty" pictures inside. They'll twist it and turn it to see, but all they do is blacken their eyes. No. 216. **25¢**



Costume Set Designed for Every Boy

Style 160 — For you he-men, we've got the newest, most exciting and tremendous play suit of its time. A complete Superman outfit in fine durable washable rayon gabardine. Outfit includes red cape with screened Superman figure, navy and red suit with gilt figure "S", and belt. Be first to get this wonderful outfit. Sizes 4-14. **6.98**



ELECTRIC MOTOR

6000 RPM

—Drives all Models

This is an offer that sounds unbelievable but it is being made just the same. Yes, you can have an actual electric motor for just 50¢. This compact little kit makes it a cinch to build this high-power motor. And the fun you are going to get from using it! It's so simple, and your motor is ready to turn out 6000 rpm's of power to work for you. The coils of this remarkable tool actually turn at the rate of 1500 feet per minute. No. 052. **Only 50¢**



JOY BUZZER

The most popular joke novelty in years! Wind up and wear it like a ring. When you shake hands, it almost raises the victim off his feet with a "shocking sensation". Absolutely harmless. No. 239. **Only 50¢**

10 DAY TRIAL FREE

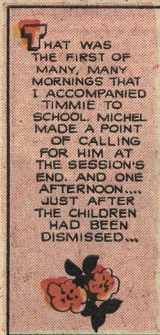
HONOR HOUSE PRODUCTS CORP., Lynbrook, N. Y. Dept. 43
Cannot ship orders totalling less than \$1.00. Rush me the items listed below. If I am not satisfied I may return any part of my purchase after 10 days free trial for full refund of the purchase price.

ITEM	NAME OF ITEM	HOW MANY	TOTAL PRICE

☐ I enclose ☐ in full payment. The Honor House Products Corp. will pay postage.
☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman on delivery plus a few cents postage.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ROMANTIC SECRETS



ROMANTIC SECRETS



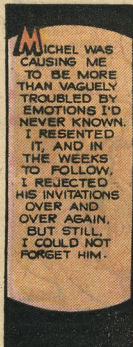
ELLEN... I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU TONIGHT AND TAKE UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF.

NO, MICHEL... I... I HAVE A LOT OF WORK ON MY SCHOOL PROGRAM.



I THINK YOU'D BETTER GO NOW. TIMMIE WILL TIRE HIMSELF... PLAYING SO LONG.

ALL RIGHT, ELLEN... BUT DON'T IMAGINE I GIVE UP SO EASILY!

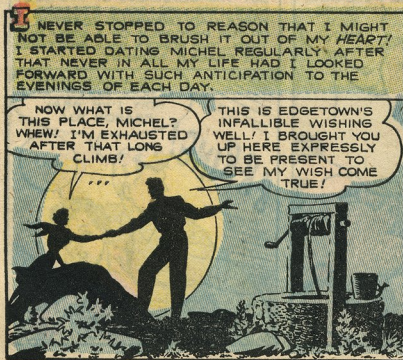


MICHEL WAS CAUSING ME TO BE MORE THAN VAGUELY TROUBLED BY EMOTIONS I'D NEVER KNOWN. I RESENTED IT, AND IN THE WEEKS TO FOLLOW, I REJECTED HIS INVITATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN, BUT STILL, I COULD NOT FORGET HIM.

BUT IT'S SO LONELY HERE! PERHAPS I'M WRONG TO THINK THIS WAY! WHY SHOULDN'T I GO OUT WITH HIM AND AMUSE MYSELF?



THERE'S NO POINT IN HIDING IN A SHELL! AFTER MY SIX MONTH'S STAY IS ENDED I CAN BRUSH THE MEMORY OF THE TOWN AND EVERYONE IN IT RIGHT OUT OF MY MIND!



I NEVER STOPPED TO REASON THAT I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BRUSH IT OUT OF MY HEART! I STARTED DATING MICHEL REGULARLY AFTER THAT NEVER IN ALL MY LIFE HAD I LOOKED FORWARD WITH SUCH ANTICIPATION TO THE EVENINGS OF EACH DAY.

NOW WHAT IS THIS PLACE, MICHEL? WHEN I'M EXHAUSTED AFTER THAT LONG CLIMB!

THIS IS EGETOWN'S INFALLIBLE WISHING WELL! I BROUGHT YOU UP HERE EXPRESSLY TO BE PRESENT TO SEE MY WISH COME TRUE!

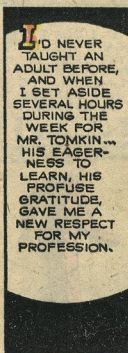


I CLOSED MY EYES, AS MICHEL BADE ME... AND ALL AT ONCE... HEAVEN DESCENDED IN THE GENTLE, WARM, TENDER PRESSURE OF HIS LIPS AGAINST MY OWN!

OH...!

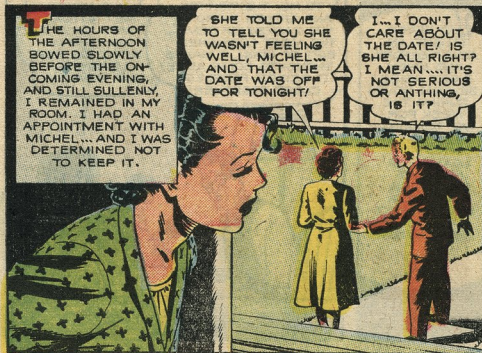
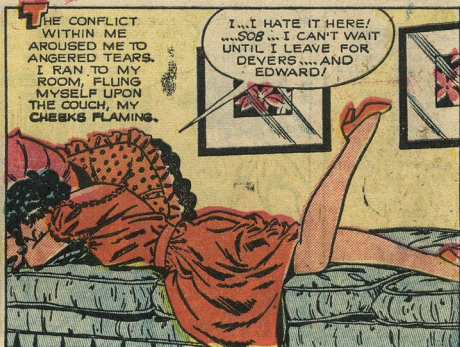
MY DEAREST...!

ROMANTIC SECRETS



ROMANTIC SECRETS

AFTER MY EXPERIENCE WITH MICHEL AT THE WISHING WELL, I MADE AN EFFORT TO KEEP OUR MEETINGS WELL WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF FRIENDSHIP ALONE. BUT HIS APPEALING WAYS, HIS AMUSING LITTLE ROMANTIC GESTURES MADE IT A CONSTANT STRUGGLE.



ROMANTIC SECRETS



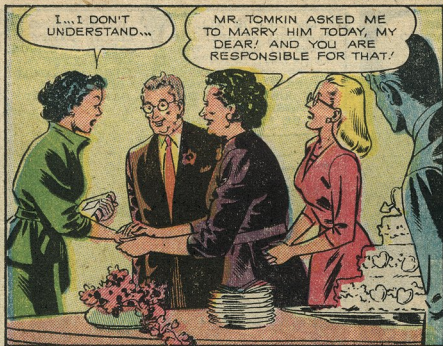
WHY DOESN'T HE LEAVE ME ALONE? AND WHY... WHY DO THE MONTHS MOVE SO SLOWLY?

I VOWED THEN, TO LIMIT MY INTERESTS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE CLASSROOM. EVERYTHING ELSE WAS TO BE FORGOTTEN. BUT, UNWITTINGLY, I FOUND MYSELF BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE TOWN ALL THE TIME. ONE EVENING WHEN I RETURNED FROM THE LIBRARY...



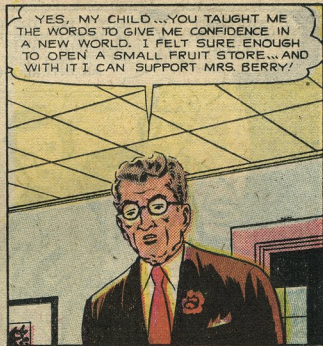
COME IN, ELLEN... WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!

THE GUEST OF HONOR!



I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

MR. TOMKIN ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM TODAY, MY DEAR! AND YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT!

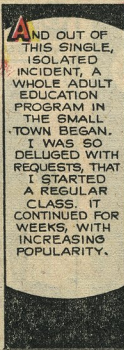


YES, MY CHILD... YOU TAUGHT ME THE WORDS TO GIVE ME CONFIDENCE IN A NEW WORLD. I FELT SURE ENOUGH TO OPEN A SMALL FRUIT STORE... AND WITH IT I CAN SUPPORT MRS. BERRY!

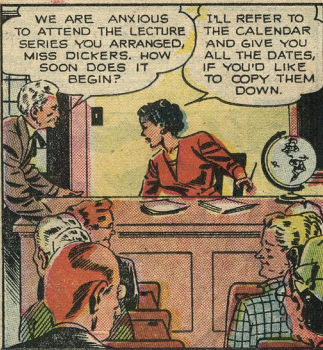


I HAVE BEEN A LONELY WOMAN... AND A RATHER TOO HARD-WORKING ONE... BUT YOU CHANGED THAT, ELLEN. YOU HAVE GIVEN ME A NEW CHANCE AT HAPPINESS!

AS I SAID ON THE SECOND DAY WE MET... YOU'RE WONDERFUL, ELLEN!



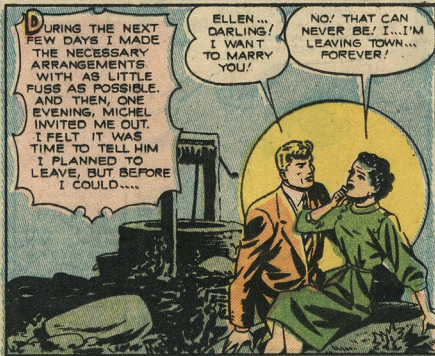
AND OUT OF THIS SINGLE, ISOLATED INCIDENT, A WHOLE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE SMALL TOWN BEGAN. I WAS SO DELUGED WITH REQUESTS, THAT I STARTED A REGULAR CLASS. IT CONTINUED FOR WEEKS, WITH INCREASING POPULARITY.



WE ARE ANXIOUS TO ATTEND THE LECTURE SERIES YOU ARRANGED, MISS DICKERS. HOW SOON DOES IT BEGIN?

I'LL REFER TO THE CALENDAR AND GIVE YOU ALL THE DATES, IF YOU'D LIKE TO COPY THEM DOWN.

ROMANTIC SECRETS



ROMANTIC SECRETS

AND SO IT WAS...I LEFT EDGETOWN, I WAS REUNITED WITH EDWARD, AND WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, I RECEIVED MY APPOINTMENT AT DEVERS, THEN...I BEGAN TO MISS THE THINGS I HAD LEFT BEHIND.



WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I KEEP SEEING THE OLD FOLKS I TAUGHT BACK IN EDGETOWN! TO THEM LEARNING WAS SOMETHING REAL AND WONDERFUL...NOT A GAME TO PASS THE TIME!



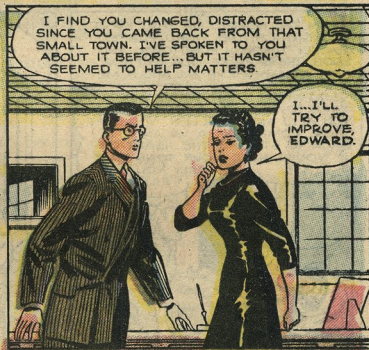
ELLEN...I MUST HAVE A SERIOUS TALK WITH YOU.

OH, EDWARD... I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T SEE YOU COME IN.



I FIND YOU CHANGED, DISTRACTED SINCE YOU CAME BACK FROM THAT SMALL TOWN. I'VE SPOKEN TO YOU ABOUT IT BEFORE...BUT IT HASN'T SEEMED TO HELP MATTERS.

I...I'LL TRY TO IMPROVE, EDWARD.



YOUR WORK IS SUFFERING BECAUSE OF YOUR ATTITUDE... AND YOU CONSTANTLY EMBARRASS ME BEFORE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY WHEN WE GO OUT.

WHAT ARE YOU LEADING UP TO, EDWARD?

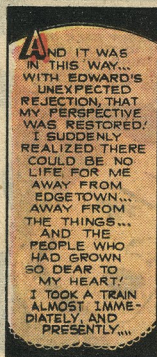


I THINK WE OUGHT TO...TO DISMISS EVERYTHING PERSONAL BETWEEN US AND PLACE OUR RELATIONSHIP ON A STRICTLY ACADEMIC BASIS FROM NOW ON!

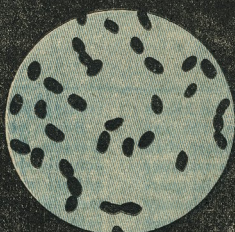
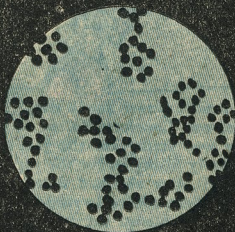
I SEE...



ROMANTIC SECRETS



KILL THESE HAIR-DESTROYING GERMS



Staphylococcus albus

Corynebacterium acnes

Pityrosporum ovale

SAVE YOUR HAIR

Beware of your itchy scalp, hair loss, dandruff, head scales, unpleasant head odors! Nature may be warning you of approaching baldness. Heed Nature's warning! Treat your scalp to scientifically prepared Ward's Formula.

Millions of trouble-breeding bacteria, living on your sick scalp (see above) are killed on contact. Ward's Formula kills not one, but *all 3* types of these destructive scalp germs now recognized by many medical authorities as a significant cause of baldness. Kill these germs—don't risk letting them kill your hair growth.

ENJOY THESE 5 BENEFITS IMMEDIATELY

1. Kills germs that retard normal hair growth—*on contact*
2. Removes ugly infectious dandruff—*fast*
3. Brings hair-nourishing blood to scalp—*quickly*
4. Stops annoying scalp itch and burn—*instantly*
5. Starts wonderful self-massaging action—*within 3 seconds*

Once you're bald, that's *it*, friends! There's nothing you can do. Your hair is gone forever. So are your chances of getting it back. But Ward's Formula, used as directed, keeps your sick scalp free of itchy dandruff, seborrhea, and stops the hair loss they cause. Almost at once your hair looks thicker, more attractive and alive.

We don't ask you to believe *us*. Thousands of men and women—first skeptical just as you are—have *proved* what we say. Here's our **GUARANTEE**. Try Ward's Formula in your own home for only 10 days. You must enjoy *all* the benefits we claim—or we return not only the price you pay—but **DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK**, on return of unused portion. You are the judge. Send no money. Pay postman only \$2 plus a few cents postage, or save postage by sending \$2 with order. **ACT NOW TO SAVE YOUR HAIR. SEND COUPON TODAY!**

WARD LABORATORIES, Dept. 6607-B

19 West 44th St. New York 36, N. Y.

☐ I enclose \$2.00, send prepaid

☐ Send C.O.D., I will pay \$2.00 plus postage

Name

Address

City Zone State

DOUBLE MONEY BACK GUARANTEE



L AS IN LOVE



IT was the darndest thing! First the kisses—long and tender kisses, and then the bitter little scenes. Sometimes it was more than Betsy Todd could stand, and as a newspaper woman she could stand a lot. Except the quarrels with the man she loved, He was Tommy Bridges, and he was the best police reporter on the *Gazette*.

The scenes were usually staged in the hallway of Mrs. Clanahan's boarding house. Tommy always said, "Gee, I'm a lucky character. An old beatup newspaper man with a girl like you." He was all of twenty-four.

At that point he would stop talking and kiss her again. After it was over and Betsy's head stopped reeling, she would say, "Darling! Why don't we get married? I know I'm a bold girl for bringing it up, but after all you did ask me first. A long time ago, remember? But we've never done anything about it."

Tommy's chin always got that firm look as he shook his head. "No, sweetheart! Not yet. I will admit that in a moment of weakness I asked you to marry me because I love you so much, but people need money to get married. You know, the green stuff. And I hardly make as much as Freddy, the office boy."

Then Betsy's eyes would flash and she would avoid his next kiss. Her own chin could be a little firm, too. "You exaggerate, Tommy Bridges! You make a good salary. And don't I work? With what we both make, we could get along very well."

"No, Betsy. Don't believe that old stuff that two can live as cheaply as one. That was before inflation. We'll wait till I make more money or get a better job. If you really love me you won't mind waiting."

Betsy did really love him and she really minded waiting. The little scenes became more and more tense. At times she came close to tears. There crept into her mind the haunting thought that Tommy did not really love her. He *never* wanted to get married!

One night, after still another of the tiffs, Betsy confessed her fears to a friend who lived in the same house. Marilyn was older and much more experienced in such matters.

Marilyn laughed. "You silly! With your job on the *Gazette*, you can't solve a simple little problem like this. My, it's a good thing the

reading public doesn't know about this."

Betsy, you see, was *Lovelorn Editor* of the *Gazette*. Oh, she was young for the job, and actually she was only filling in for the regular editor, who was ill, but she had done very well. She gave excellent advice to readers who sent in their love problems. At twenty she already had a firm grasp on the problems of life. Her writing was sane and logical and simply dripping with common sense. But now that *she* had a problem . . .

She admitted it. It was ridiculous to be a love editor and still not be able to solve your own romantic problems. But there it was. She had to do something at once—but what? Tommy was made of granite, and you couldn't budgie him. Still Betsy began casting around for ways and means of bringing a man to his senses.

A few days later she received the letter in the morning mail. A typewritten letter on a sheet of yellow copy paper such as is used in most newspaper offices, including the *Gazette*. Betsy read the letter with great interest.

Dear Editor:

Will you please help me. I am a young man very much in love with a beautiful girl. She also loves me. But I do not make much money, and so I think we should wait a while longer before getting married. My girl does not think so. She wants to get married right away. We argue about this, and sometimes she cries. Please advise me, 'as I am desperate.

Anxious.

Betsy smiled as she read the letter again. Tommy—the darling fool! Trying to write just like any other reader with a problem, choosing this way of telling her he had changed his mind. It was so like him. But certainly he couldn't have expected to fool her! For one thing there was the paper. Exactly like that used in their own office. But the really telltale thing was the typing itself. The L on Tommy's typewriter was broken so that it only printed half of the lower bar. Betsy knew this because she often read Tommy's copy before he submitted it to the city desk. And the Ls in the letter had been made by Tommy's typewriter,

ROMANTIC SECRETS

of that she was sure. She chuckled. Some men thought they were so smart!

Humming to herself, she began to type out her answer to Anxious. Sweet Tommy! If he wanted to play games in the mail instead of coming straight to her and admitting he was wrong, well, it was all right. Probably he was saving his male pride or something. Betsy wrote:

Dear Anxious:

*By all means marry your sweetheart!
At once! Real love is too precious to waste—even one minute. Money is important, to a degree, but it is much more important to have and cherish each other. You are both young and strong and able to work. What on this earth can harm you? Marry—and work and live and love together. Good Luck.*

The Editor.

Betsy ripped the paper out of the machine and called to Freddy, the copy boy. "Oh, Freddy, will you take this down to the composing room right away! For my column."

Freddy was about eighteen, all grin and freckles. "Sure thing, Miss Todd. But first I gotta show you something. A new picture of my girl. We went to the beach last Sunday and took them. Gosh, but ain't she cute?"

Betsy sighed. The girl in the picture was cute. Gee, even Freddy's romance went smoother than her own. But everything would be all right now. In a few hours her column would appear, and Tommy would read it. Then he would ask her again—and mean it this time. He must have already made up his mind, really, or he wouldn't have written the letter.

She saw Tommy that night. Betsy squirmed, on pins and needles, all the way through a movie, but finally they were in Mrs. Clanan's hallway. Tommy kissed her goodnight. But never a word about the letter—or about getting married.

Betsy said: "Tommy, dear. Isn't there something you want to tell me? Something special. Like a confession, maybe. About a letter..."

"A letter?" Tommy seemed genuinely puzzled.

It was too much. If Tommy Bridges had merely been playing games with her heart, if the whole thing had only been his idea of a joke, then they were through. Utterly and absolutely through. No matter how much she loved him, or how much her heart would break. A girl could only stand so much.

Betsy realized she was crying. The words come out mixed with a flurry of sobs. She told him everything—as though he didn't already know.

Tommy shook his head. "Darling! You thought I wrote that letter? I did read it, and I wondered because the case seemed so much like ours, but I didn't write it. Gosh, no! I haven't changed my mind a bit."

"B—but the broken L on the typewriter," Betsy wanted to know. "Just like yours. It would be quite a coincidence for someone else to have a machine with a broken L. And to write on office copy paper!"

Tommy agreed that it was strange. "I don't understand it at all, sweetheart. But I didn't write it. But please don't cry—it will only be a matter of a little time before we can get married. Now give me another goodnight kiss and..."

He did not get the kiss. Betsy ran upstairs, not looking back. She slammed her bedroom door as hard as she could, knowing he was standing down there looking puzzled and shocked.

Her pillow was tear-stained when the telephone awakened her. It almost leaped from the bedside stand before she could grope in the dark and find it.

"H—hello."

"Darling! This is Tommy. I've solved the mystery. I know who wrote the letter."

"Letter?" Betsy was still half asleep.

"Of course. The letter signed *Anxious*. It was Freddy, our office boy. He's been using my typewriter a lot lately. I thought he might be the one, so I called him and he confessed. He wanted an answer to his problem, but he was too shy to ask you directly. Thought you might laugh, I suppose. That little girl of his wants to get married, even though they're so young. Freddy is a little confused, and your letter to him didn't help much. He's so young, and naturally he doesn't make much as an office boy."

Betsy was fully awake now. "Oh! I didn't know, of course. Why, he's so young..."

Tommy chuckled. "Yes, but don't worry about it. Freddy says their folks are stepping in. Making them wait till they're old enough. I told him a long engagement wouldn't hurt him."

"You would?"

HIS voice turned serious. "But I didn't really call to tell you about Freddy. I wanted to say that I'm a dope. Golly, if Freddy and his girl can even think about getting married, why can't we! Meet me at the Courthouse in the morning, honey. The license bureau, you know."

Betsy smiled at the phone. "I will, darling. Goodnight. I love you."

She hung up. What a beautiful letter L is, she thought. L as in Love.

THE END

THE DOCTOR'S BRIDE

LAST NIGHT MADE ME REALIZE MORE THAN EVER BEFORE---IN BATTING TO SAVE THIS CHILD'S LIFE--- THAT ALL I EVER CARE TO BE IS A COUNTRY DOCTOR!

THEN YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF ME---OR OF OUR LOVE, AT ALL! I'M LEAVING YOU, RONNIE!

A SMALL HELPLESS CHILD LAY ON A COT, BREATHING HEAVILY---HIS PULSE GROWING EVER WEAKER. THROUGH THE LONG AGONY OF HOURS THE YOUNG DOCTOR LABORED FRANTICALLY, UNCEASINGLY TO GUIDE HIS FAILING CHARGE THROUGH THE CRISIS. BUT FOR ANNE, TOO--WHO STOOD BESIDE HER BELOVED, IT WAS A CRISIS ---A TEST FOR THE SURVIVAL OF HER OWN LOVE!

MY HEART CONTRACTED AT THE TORMENTING THOUGHTS. IT HAD ALL HAPPENED SO QUICKLY, MY FALLING IN LOVE WITH THE HANDSOME YOUNG INTERNE WHO'D ATTENDED ME

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO LEAVE THE ANTISEPTICALLY WHITE ROOM OF THE LOCAL HOSPITAL WHERE ONLY THREE WEEKS BEFORE I HAD UNDERGONE AN APPENDECTOMY. BUT NOW, AS I PUT MY THINGS TOGETHER, THERE WAS A TRACE OF SADNESS OF FEARFUL DOUBT!

SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T COME IN TO SEE ME LEAVE? AND WHAT IF I SHOULD NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN?

IN THIS SHORT TIME I'VE BEEN DRAWN CLOSER TO HIM THAN ANY MAN I'VE EVER KNOWN! PERHAPS I WAS WRONG TO IMAGINE HE FELT THE SAME WAY.

ROMANTIC SECRETS

WHEN I
SENSED HIM
BEHIND ME--
AND AS I
WHIRLED, HE
LIFTED ME
OFF THE
FLOOR WITH
A SUDDEN
IMPETUOUS
DEMONSTRATION
OF AFFECTION.
HIS LIPS
BRUSHED
AGAINST MINE.



DARLING! I WAS
SO AFRAID YOU
MIGHT NEVER
SAY THAT!

IN TWO WEEKS I'M THROUGH
WITH MY INTERNSHIP--
AND THEN WE CAN HEAD
TO MY HOMETOWN FOR
A WEDDING!



WHAT A WONDERFUL PRO-
POSAL! BUT WHERE DO
WE GO FROM YOUR HOME-
TOWN AFTER THE
WEDDING?

WE DON'T!
WE'RE SETTLING
DOWN THERE! I
JUST TURNED DOWN
A RESEARCH POST
AT THE HOSPITAL
SO I COULD FOLLOW
IN MY DAD'S FOOT-
STEPS AS A COUNTRY
DOCTOR!



THE WEEKS WERE MERCILESSLY SLOW
IN THE PASSING, BUT AT LAST---WE WERE
ON THE TRAIN HEADED FOR RONNIE'S
HOME. IT WAS A FORMIDABLE NIGHT, AND
ONE OF INCREASING COLDNESS!

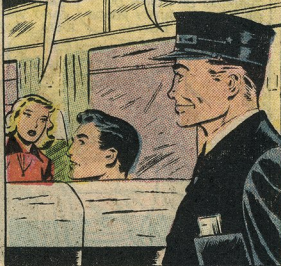
WHERE DOES ALL
THAT SNOW COME
FROM? THERE
DOESN'T SEEM
TO BE AN END
TO IT!

RADIOED REPORTS
SAID WE WERE
HEADING INTO
A BLIZZARD!



--THE TRAIN'S
STOPPING!
WHAT'S
HAPPENED?

THAT BLIZZARD YOU
WERE TALKING ABOUT!
I'D SAY WE WERE STUCK
IN IT!



THE TRAIN
WAS BOGGED
DOWN FOR
SEVERAL
HOURS-- BUT
EVEN THIS DISCOMFORT
COULD NOT DEDUCT
FROM MY HAPPINESS.
I CUDDLED UP
BESIDE RONNIE,
CONTENTEDLY
DREAMING
OF THE
FUTURE WE
WOULD
SHARE!

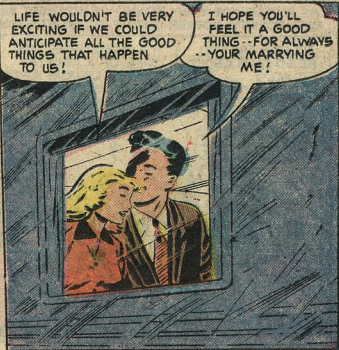
DOCTOR AND MRS. RONNIE
ADAMS: IT SOUNDS WON-
DERFUL, DARLING! I'LL BE
YOUR WIFE! I CAN'T
WAIT FOR THAT
MOMENT!

IT WON'T BE
LONG, DEAR.
YOU'LL BE WED
TO A COUNTRY
DOCTOR! I'LL BET
THAT'S SOMETHING
YOU NEVER
RECKONED ON!



LIFE WOULDN'T BE VERY
EXCITING IF WE COULD
ANTICIPATE ALL THE GOOD
THINGS THAT HAPPEN
TO US!

I HOPE YOU'LL
FEEL IT A GOOD
THING--FOR ALWAYS
--YOUR MARRYING
ME!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

I HAD NO IDEA OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF RONNIE'S REMARK. MARRYING A COUNTRY DOCTOR HAD NO PARTICULAR MEANING, THEN. PRESENTLY, WE REACHED BLANE COUNTY, OUR DESTINATION, AND WE FOUGHT OUR WAY THROUGH HEAVY DRIFTS TO RONNIE'S PLACE!



BRRR! ME TOO! BUT ALL'S SAVED! THERE'S HOME SWEET HOME RIGHT UP AHEAD!



COME IN, MY DEARS! COME IN! WE GOT YOUR WIRE AND WE'VE BEEN WAITING IMPATIENTLY! DAD AND I WERE WATCHING THROUGH THE WINDOW!

NO SOONER HAD WE BECOME SETTLED, THEN THE OLD DOCTOR RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL. THE STORM WAS NOW AT ITS RAGING HEIGHT!

SURELY YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF GOING OUT ON THOSE COUNTRY ROADS NOW!

A FARMER WITH A BADLY BROKEN LEG CAN'T WAIT FOR IDEAL WEATHER, MY DEAR!



JUST TO BE SURE YOU MAKE IT ALL RIGHT, I'D BETTER GO WITH YOU, DAD!

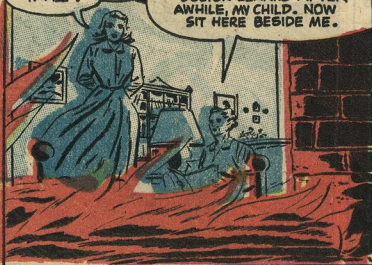
YOU WOMENFOLK WILL HAVE TO EXCUSE US. THE DOCTORS ADAMS, JUNIOR AND SENIOR, ARE GOING ON THEIR FIRST OFFICIAL CALL TOGETHER! THIS IS AN EVENT!



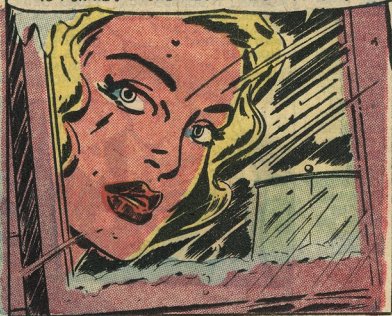
WE WAITED FOR MANY HOURS---I IMPATIENT WORKED! RONNIE'S MOTHER QUIETLY UNDERSTANDING!

BUT HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM ABOUT IT ALL?

IT'S SOMETHING THE WIFE OF A COUNTRY DOCTOR LEARNS AFTER AWHILE, MY CHILD. NOW SIT HERE BESIDE ME.



I CAN'T SIT DOWN! SOMETHING MAY HAVE HAPPENED TO RONNIE! IF ONLY HE'D COME BACK SOON!



ROMANTIC SECRETS

WHEN AT LAST THEY DID COME, I FLUNG MYSELF INTO RONNIE'S ARMS IN TEARS. THEY ALL SMILED GENTLY AS RONNIE CONSOLED ME!

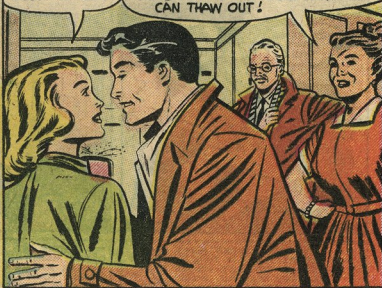
OH, RONNIE--A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I HAD SUCH HORRIBLY FRIGHTENING VISIONS!

COME NOW, SWEET! NO TEARS FOR THIS! THEY BUILD THE FOLKS PRETTY HARDY IN BLANE COUNTY! ESPECIALLY THE DOCTORS AND THEIR WIVES!



BUT YOU ALL ACT AS THOUGH THIS IS A USUAL OCCURRENCE!

TO TELL THE TRUTH, DEAR---IT IS ONE WE'RE QUITE FAMILIAR WITH! NOW LET'S PUT UP SOMETHING HOT TO DRINK SO THEY CAN THAW OUT!



IT WAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT, THE EVENING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY---THAT THE PNEUMONIA EPIDEMIC STARTED. THE COMFORTABLE HOUSE BECAME A KIND OF MAKESHIFT HOSPITAL, WITH ALL THE BEDLAM OF SQUALLING CHILDREN AND WORRIED, AILING PARENTS.

IS GERALD ALL RIGHT, DOCTOR? HE DOESN'T HAVE IT, DOES HE?

NO, MRS. HARRIS, BUT IT'S JUST AS WELL YOU BROUGHT HIM IN TO HAVE HIS THROAT SWABBED.



DARLING--WE WERE GOING INTO TOWN TODAY FOR DINNER, JUST YOU AND I. WHEN WILL YOU BE READY?

SORRY, BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, ANNE! BUT YOU CAN RUN INTO TOWN AND PICK UP THAT PENICILLIN! AND AFTER THAT...



THERE JUST WASN'T ANY REST AFTER THAT AT ALL... NO MOMENTS FOR US TOGETHER, EXCEPT FOR THE FEW WHEN I'D WAIT UP LONG AFTER HOURS TO MAKE RONNIE SOME COFFEE!

NEVER MIND THE COFFEE--- COME HERE TO MY ARMS! DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I MISS YOU, MY DARLING?

I GUESS I DON'T! YOU HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME TO TELL ME RECENTLY!

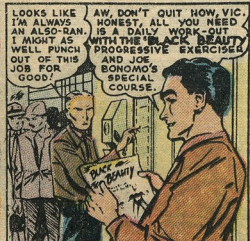
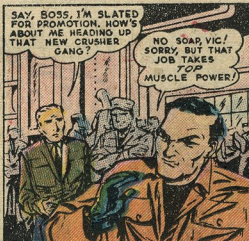


HEY, NOW---NO POUTING THOSE LOVELY LIPS EXCEPT FOR THIS!

OH, RONNIE! HOLD ME---TIGHT!



How 'BLACK BEAUTY' TURNS AN ALSO-RAN INTO "VIDEO VIC!"



FREE
WITH EVERY COURSE
NEW 5-CABLE
BLACK BEAUTY
PROGRESSIVE EXERCISER
HEAVY DUTY

DEVELOP REAL POWER

INCREASE YOUR STRENGTH • BUILD YOUR BODY

BECOME AN ALL-AROUND WINNER

DISCOVER YOUR MUSCLES

YOUR MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFIED

USES PHOTO-ILLUSTRATION METHOD

SENT WITH EVERY COURSE FREE

WIN FRIENDS • GAIN POPULARITY • BE A SUCCESS

JOE BONOMO SHOWS YOU HOW!
Why grope in the dark wishing? Why let other guys run off with your best girl... steal that position on the team? Now, in the amazing new 'Black-Beauty' 5-Cable Progressive Exerciser and Joe Bonomo's personal instruction 'Power-Plus' method you, too, can become an all-around winner!

SCIENTIFIC! AND HOW!
Wait 'til you see what fast progress you make to real power with 'Black Beauty' and Joe Bonomo. They're with you 'til you're "TOPS" in the field.

Bernard Macfadden says:

"As an instructor in muscle building, you should stand at the head of the list. Many of your pupils already attest to your ability in building better bodies. I can recommend you most highly. Here's wishing you all possible success!"

Jack Dempsey says:

"I consider your 'Power-Plus' Course, too, for all-around physical development — power, strength — endurance. The secrets and short cuts you reveal with your system of body development, are miraculous and I cannot endorse your course too highly."

JOE BONOMO
World's Strongest,
Most Enduring,
Surreal, Intentional
All-Rounder,
Health & Strength

COMPLETE 'POWER-PLUS' CABLE COURSE

\$4.95
including
'BLACK BEAUTY'

5 CABLE EXERCISER FREE!
(Worth \$9.95 alone)

CUT OUT THE DREAMING!
Strengthen think fast... act fast! Now that you've made up your mind... do something about it quickly! Get going! Send your order in right away!

ACT NOW FOR FREE OFFER

*STRONGMEN'S CLUB OF AMERICA MAIL THIS
Joe Bonomo, Director
1841 Broadway, Dept. (C78)
New York 23, New York

OKay, Joe! Rush me your 'Power-Plus' Cable Course including, FREE of any additional charge, your new 'Black Beauty' 5-Cable Progressive Exerciser. I'll try the 'Power-Plus' Bonomo method for 2 weeks. If I am not 100% satisfied I can return it for an immediate refund.

☐ I enclose \$4.95 in ☐ check, ☐ money order, ☐ cash.
☐ Send C.O.D. for \$4.95 plus shipping charge.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____

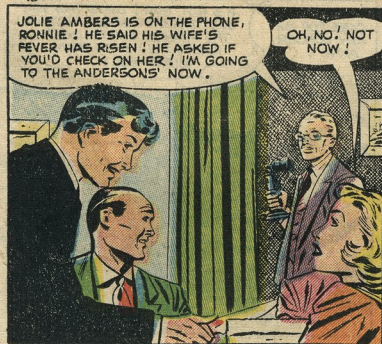
Zone _____ State _____
PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY
Foreign (Except Canadian) Add \$1.00 Additional

POWER-PLUS CABLE COURSE

A FEW MINUTES A DAY

ROMANTIC SECRETS

HE RECEIVED RONNIE'S KISS EAGERLY, TRYING TO REASSURE MYSELF THAT ALL WOULD BE AS I IMAGINED IT---THAT THIS WAS MERELY AN UNUSUAL PERIOD WE WERE PASSING THROUGH. BUT TWO WEEKS LATER, WHEN THE EPIDEMIC WAS PASSED, AND I BAKED, WORKED AND FUSSED TO ARRANGE A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR RONNIE...



BUT BY THE TIME HE RETURNED---THE GUESTS HAD DEPARTED, AND EVERYTHING WAS WILTED, COLD AND RUINED! I WEPT FRUSTRATEDLY AT THE WAY THINGS HAD TURNED OUT, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I INTIMATED HOW I REALLY FELT ABOUT THE LIFE OF A COUNTRY DOCTOR.



ROMANTIC SECRETS

Y-YOU ONLY SAY THAT TO APPEASE ME FOR THE MOMENT!

COME ON, DARLING--- WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE PARTY OF OUR OWN!



JUST LOOK AT ALL THOSE PRESENTS TO BE OPENED! DON'T JUST STAND THERE---LEND A HAND! THAT'S BETTER, DARLING---SMILE!

AFTER YOU DISAPPOINTED ME TONIGHT, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SMILE AT YOU AGAIN! I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH YOU!



THERE WAS NO CHANGE AT ALL IN THE PASSING WEEKS, AND MY DISGRUNTLEMENT BECAME ALL THE MORE EVIDENT. AND FINALLY, ONE EVENING---

ANNE--IT'S ABOUT TIME WE WERE SETTING THE DATE OF OUR WEDDING, AND MAKING PLANS--DON'T YOU THINK?

I-I DON'T KNOW, RONNIE---I'M NOT SURE ANY MORE!



DARLING--WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WHY ARE YOU ACTING THIS WAY?

AFTER ALL THE TIME I'VE SPENT HERE--AND WHAT I'VE SEEN OF YOUR MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S LIFE TOGETHER, IT ALL SEEMS SO DISORGANIZED----SO THANKLESS!



DON'T YOU CARE FOR ME ANY LONGER, ANNE?

IT'S NOT THAT! LIVING THIS WAY JUST DOESN'T SEEM WORTH ALL THE FRANTIC EFFORT AND HEARTACHE! I-I'VE BEEN MISERABLE!



THE DEEP HURT WAS ETCHED IN FINE LINES ACROSS HIS HANDSOME FACE AS THE PENT-UP WORDS I'D HELD SO LONG TO MYSELF, NOW FOUND A RELEASE!

I'D BE WILLING TO MARRY YOU IN A MOMENT IF YOU WOULD AGREE TO TAKE THE RESEARCH JOB, OR MAYBE ANY OTHER JOB YOU COULD FIND!

YOU MEAN---JUST FORGET ABOUT BEING A DOCTOR ALTOGETHER!



BUT I'VE WORKED AND STUDIED FOR THIS ALL MY LIFE!

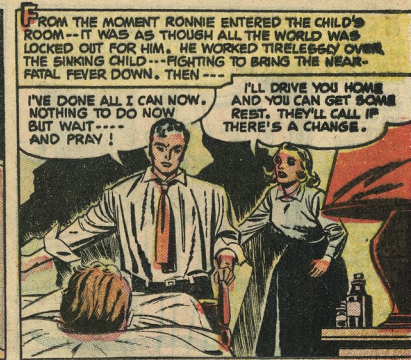
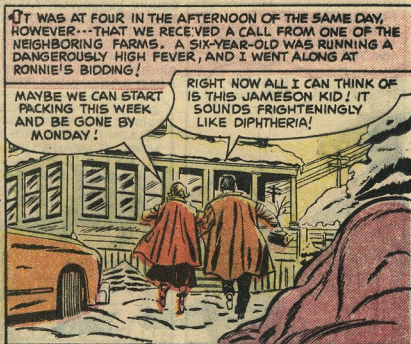
I KNOW YOU COULD BE SUCCESSFUL AT WHATEVER YOU CHOSE TO DO!---AND I'D BE HAPPY!



ROMANTIC SECRETS



I KNEW HE WANTED TO BE ALONE WITH HIS DOUBTS. AND IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT, I COULD HEAR HIS RESTLESS STEPS PACING TROUBLEDLY ACROSS HIS ROOM. WHEN HE CAME TO ME IN THE MORNING, I UTTERED A SILENT PRAYER!



ROMANTIC SECRETS



NO---I WANT TO BE HERE--ON HAND EVERY MINUTE! THE BOY'S LIFE IS POISED ON A HAIRSBREADTH!

WE WERE STILL THERE AS DAWN FILTERED IN THROUGH THE WINDOWS, AFTER THE LONELY NIGHT I'D SPENT IN THE SOLITUDE OF MY THOUGHTS. RONNIE BARELY SPOKE A WORD TO ME, HIS TENSION AND ANXIETY ALL TOO OBVIOUS. BUT THEN--



HOW IS IT NOW, RONNIE--IS THE FEVER BETTER?

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!



HIS TEMPERATURE IS NEARLY NORMAL! I'VE PULLED HIM THROUGH! I'VE PULLED HIM THROUGH!

I'M GLAD, DARLING!

RONNIE UNDERWENT AN UNBELIEVABLE TRANSFORMATION IN THAT MOMENT. HIS FATIGUE WAS GONE, AND HIS EYES, ONLY MINUTES AGO RIMMED WITH RED, WERE NOW BRIGHT AND CLEAR. WHEN HE SPOKE, I HAD A TREMBLING PREMONITION!

DARLING, I WAS WRONG TO SAY WHAT I DID YESTERDAY! I COULDN'T LEAVE THIS KIND OF WORK. IT MEANS LIFE ITSELF TO ME!

RONNIE--W-WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?



I'M GOING TO STAY HERE IN BLANE COUNTY AND DO WHAT I KNOW BEST. DON'T YOU SEE, ANNE--- ANYTHING ELSE WOULD BE WRONG!

NO---I DON'T SEE! AND IF YOU WON'T COME AWAY WITH ME, I'LL GO ALONE!

I WEPT, ANGERED, RESENTFUL TEARS AS I PACKED MY THINGS BACK AT THE HOUSE LATER. AND WHEN I STARTED DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE TRAIN--THE HOUSE WAS SUDDENLY INVADDED BY SCORES OF THE TOWN-FOLK!



WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN, BUT WE HAVEN'T, DOC! IT'S THIRTY YEARS TODAY, SINCE YOU BEGAN DOCTORING THIS TOWN! HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



WE'RE HERE TO THANK YOU, DOC---SOME OF US FOR OUR LIVES, OR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN! TO US---YOU'RE THE BIGGEST, MOST IMPORTANT MAN IN TOWN!

ROMANTIC SECRETS

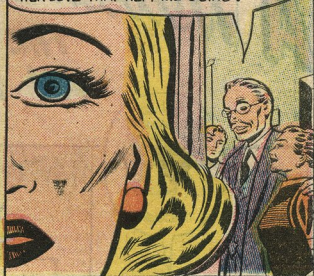
AS I PRESSED MY WAY THROUGH THE CROWD, I SAW THE GRATEFUL, ALMOST WORSHIPFUL FACES OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE. AND SOMEHOW --- DESPITE MYSELF, I WAS THINKING THAT RONNIE, TOO, WAS THE OBJECT OF THEIR PRAISE. AND THEN ---



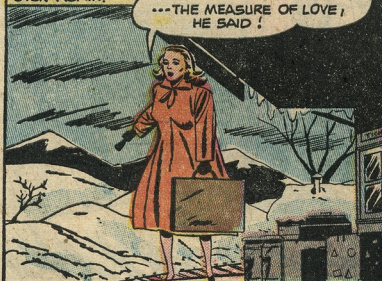
SPEECH, DOC
--- SPEECH!

I GUESS I DO HAVE A FEW WORDS TO SAY, FOLKS... ENOUGH TO TELL YOU YOU'RE GIVING YOUR PRAISE TO THE WRONG PERSON!

WHATEVER I WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH, I DID ONLY WITH THE PATIENCE, THE UNDERSTANDING, THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF MY WIFE! IT WAS ONLY THE MEASURE OF HER LOVE THAT KEPT ME GOING!

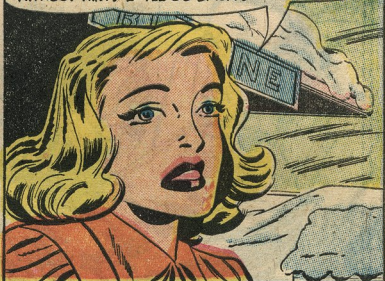


MY HURRIED FOOTSTEPS CARRIED ME FROM THE HOUSE, YES --- BUT THE OLD DOCTOR'S WORDS FOLLOWED AFTER, ECHOING IN MY BRAIN OVER AND OVER AGAIN!



--- THE MEASURE OF LOVE, HE SAID!

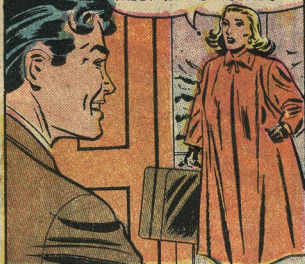
I DO LOVE RONNIE --- I DO! NO LESS THAN HIS MOTHER LOVED HIS DAD! AND I SEE NOW THAT I SHOULD NEVER HAVE LEFT! I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY WITHOUT HIM! I-I'LL GO BACK!



TEARs STINGING MY EYES WITH THE SHAME I FELT, AND THE REMORSE FOR THE LITTENESS I'D EXHIBITED BEFORE THE MAN I LOVE-- I RETURNED NOW HUMBLIED, WILLING TO PLEAD FOR ANOTHER CHANCE!

ANNE--
YOU'VE
COME
BACK!

I-I'VE BEEN SELFISH--THINKING ONLY OF ME, MY OWN COMFORT! I SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD AND HAPPY TO SHARE IN THE SACRED TRUST THAT'S YOURS!



DARLING --- I'LL TRY TO MAKE YOU HAPPY, I PROMISE!

YOU WILL, MY DEAREST -- BY BEING TRUEST TO YOURSELF AND FEELING THAT I WANT ONLY WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU!



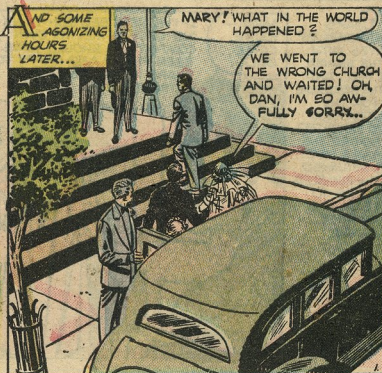
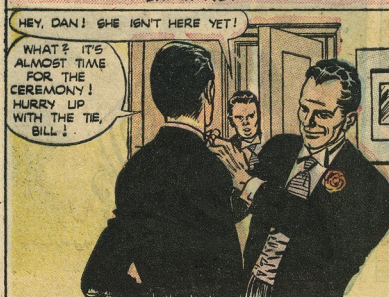
A Woman's Faith

THE STORY OF AN ACTOR--

LOVE AND FAITH CAN WORK
MIRACLES, AND DAN
TYLER'S WIFE GAVE HIM
PLENTY OF BOTH WHEN HE
WAS DANGEROUSLY ILL--



LIFE WAS SMOOTH FOR DAN TYLER, BACK IN THE
THIRTIES. HE GRADUATED FROM A UNIVERSITY,
STEPPED INTO A GOOD ADVERTISING JOB AND WAS
ABOUT TO MARRY BEAUTIFUL MARY BRENT ON A JUNE
DAY IN 1934--



ROMANTIC SECRETS



SO THEY WERE MARRIED, AND LIVED HAPPILY! IT WAS DEPRESSION TIME IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT FOR THE TYLERS, THINGS WENT WELL... AND DAN WORKED TERRIBLY HARD TO KEEP THEM GOING WELL...



THAT SUNDAY, FILLED WITH BRIGHT SUNSHINE, PROVED TO BE A DARK, BLEAK DAY FOR THE TYLERS.

THE BALL GAME WAS STRENUOUS, AND DAN SHOWED THAT HE COULD STILL HIT AND FIELD...



ROMANTIC SECRETS

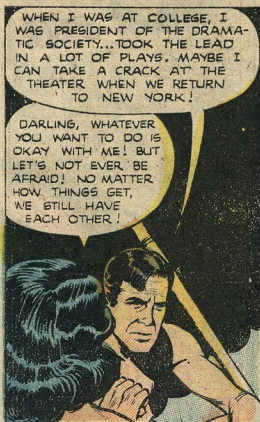
FOR WEEKS DAN MOVERED BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH...AND THEN CAME THE DOCTOR'S VERDICT...



YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGET ADVERTISING! TOO MUCH TENSION, AND YOUR HEART WON'T STAND IT! YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER CAREER!



FOLLOWING DOCTOR'S ORDERS, DAN AND MARY WENT TO TAKE A REST IN FLORIDA, WHERE THEY STAYED FOR SIX MONTHS...



THE TYLERS WENT BACK TO NEW YORK, AND AT A TIMES SQUARE NEWSTAND, DAN MET AN OLD CLASSMATE WHO HAD BECOME A FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT...



DAN PLAYED 85 WEEKS IN "RED FURY" AS A G-MAN, AND THEN TOOK THE LEAD AS THE CRIPPLED ARCHITECT IN THE DRAMA...



REVERSIBLE AUTO SEAT COVERS

MADE OF FLEXTON — SERVICE GAUGE PLASTIC
FOR LONG WEAR

• Waterproof. Easy to attach to seats for good fit. Roomy and neat. Elastic shirring and reinforced overlap side grips insure over-all seat coverage. Will dress up your car's interior and give protection to seat upholstery. Whisk off mud, oil, sand, grime with a damp rag for bright as new appearance. Sewn with nylon thread for long wear and durability.

ORDER FROM MANUFACTURER AND SAVE!

Choice of split or front seat styles only **\$2.98** each. Complete set for Front & Rear only **\$5.00**. Specify make of car and seat style with each order. Save Money and buy a set today.

5-day Money Back Guarantee!

MARDO SALES CORP., Dept. 35-978
480 Lexington Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

Please send me seat covers I have marked. I can try for 10 days and return for refund of purchase price if I am not satisfied.

- ☐ Zebra-Snake Design, Reversible
☐ Leopard Cowhide Design, Reversible
☐ Split Seat \$2.98 ☐ Solid Seat \$2.98
☐ Set (Front & Rear) \$5.00
☐ I enclose payment ☐ Send C.O.D.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

STYLE #400

Snake-Zebra Design—Printed Plastic can be used on either side. Gives snappy distinctive dress up appearance. Front or Rear Seat **\$2.98** only

STYLE #500

Leopard Cowhide design on Printed Flexton Plastic. Leopard on one side, Cowhide on the other. Either side gives beauty to your car's seats. Never gets dirty for it cleans with a whisk of a damp cloth. Front or Rear **\$2.98**

RUSH

ORDER TODAY!

FREE! 100 FOREIGN STAMPS

and illustrated booklet



Rush coupon at once! Here's a free offer you can't afford to miss . . . 100 mixed stamps from all over the world — worth \$1.00 at Standard Catalog prices — Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa — stamps rich in history —

stamps that tell you the customs of people of these lands, their architecture, their geography — so much more! All genuine, unpicked, unsorted — just as received from all over the world! Also, free copy of helpful "Stamp Collector's Guide" plus free color reproduction and story of the World's Rarest Stamp! Other valuable offers included for your free inspection. Offer may be withdrawn soon, so rush coupon today! If coupon is clipped, send 10¢ for postage and handling to GARCELON STAMP CO., Dept. CC7M, Calais, Maine.

GET 3 BIG OFFERS FREE!

GARCELON STAMP CO., Dept. CC7M, Calais, Maine
Rush FREE 100 Foreign Stamps and other offers. Enclosed is 10¢ for postage and handling (PLEASE PRINT).

NAME _____

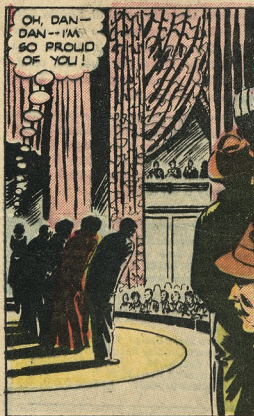
ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

RUSH TODAY! LIMITED OFFER!

ROMANTIC SECRETS

DAN'S BIG BREAK CAME WHEN HE WAS CAST AS THE VILLAIN, IN, "TALL COTTON", A SMASH HIT ON BROADWAY...



OH, DAN--
DAN--I'M
SO PROUD
OF YOU!

OH, DARLING,
YOU WERE
WONDERFUL!

NO, MARY --I'M
NOT THE WONDER-
FUL ONE! YOU
ARE! WITHOUT
YOUR FAITH AND
LOVE--I'D HAVE
BEEN LICKED A
LONG TIME AGO!



HIS FINE PERFORMANCE LED TO A BIG MOVIE CONTRACT, AND HE PLAYED THE PART HE HAD CREATED ON BROADWAY...



AFTER PLAYING AS THE DETESTABLE VILLAIN... DAN WAS TYPECAST, AND PLAYED VILLAINS IN A NUMBER OF PICTURES.....



HIS ROLES ARE SO CONVINCING THAT MORE THAN ONCE HE HAS BEEN ACCOSTED ON THE STREET...

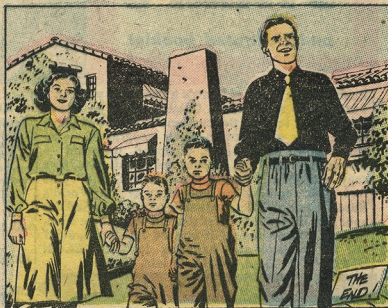
YOU REPULSIVE
MAN! I HATE YOU!
SLAPPING THAT POOR
GIRL! YOU SHOULD
BE IN JAIL!

HEAR,
THAT,
DARLING!
I'M A
HORRIBLE
PERSON!

YOU SHOULD
WORRY, DAN--
I LOVE YOU
ALL THE
MORE!



TODAY THE TYLER'S ARE A HAPPY FAMILY LIVING IN THEIR OWN HOLLYWOOD HOME... AND BECAUSE OF A WOMAN'S FAITH, DAN TYLER TURNED DISASTER INTO SUCCESS...

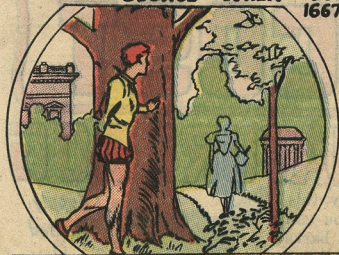


THE
END!

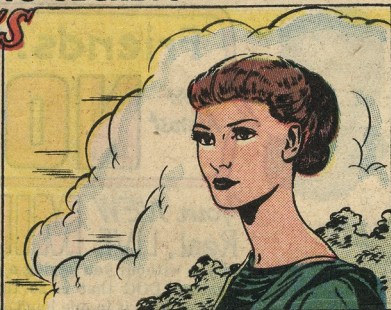
ROMANTIC SECRETS

I LOVED A LASS

GEORGE WITHER 1588-1667



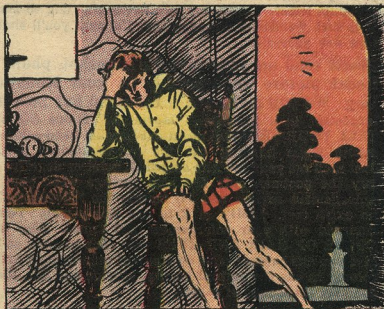
I LOVED A LASS, A FAIR ONE
AS FAIR AS E'ER WAS SEEN,



SHE WAS INDEED A RARE ONE,
ANOTHER SHEBA QUEEN.



BUT FOOL AS THEN I WAS,
I THOUGHT SHE LOVED ME TOO,



BUT NOW, ALAS! SHE'S LEFT ME
FALERO, LERO, LOO,



TO MAIDENS VOWS AND SWEARING
HENCEFORTH NO CREDIT GIVE,



FOR MINE, ALAS! SHE'S LEFT ME,
FALERO, LERO, LOO.



Mrs. Ruth Long

Friends! Here's How To Get At Almost **NO COST**

Your NEW Real, LIVE **MINIATURE DOG**

I'll be happy to send you without you paying a penny, this lovable, young, miniature DOG that is so tiny you can carry it in your pocket or hold it in one hand, yet it barks and is a reliable watch dog as well as a pet. You can keep it in a shoe box and enjoy many amusing hours teaching it tricks... active, healthy, intelligent and clean. Simply hand out only 20 get-acquainted coupons to friends and relatives to help us get that many new customers as per our premium letter. I enjoy my own lively, tiny dog so much. It is such wonderful company that I'm sure you'll simply love one yourself.

Please send me your favorite snapshot, photo or Kodak picture when writing for your Miniature Dog. We will make you a beautiful 5x7 inch enlargement in a handsome "Movietone" frame SO YOU CAN TELL YOUR FRIENDS about our bargain hand-colored enlargements when handing out the get-acquainted coupons free. Just mail me your favorite snapshot, print or negative NOW and pay the postman only 19c plus postage when your treasured enlargement arrives and I'll include the "Movietone" frame at no extra cost. LIMIT of 2 to any one person. Your original returned with your enlargement and frame. Also include the COLOR OF HAIR AND EYES with each picture, so I can also give you our bargain offer on a second enlargement artfully hand colored in oils for natural beauty, sparkle and life, like we have done for thousands of others.

I'm so anxious to send you a miniature dog that I hope you will send me your name, address and favorite snapshot, right away and get your 20 enlargement coupons.

Mrs. Ruth Long, Gift Manager.



Supply Limited
○
SEND TODAY!

Please
GIVE ME A HOME

MRS. RUTH LONG
DEAN STUDIOS, DEPT. X-412
211 W. 7TH ST., DES MOINES 2, IOWA

I would like to receive the miniature dog. Please send me premium letter and 20 coupon.

Enclosed find.....snapshots or negatives for enlarging. (Limit of two.)

Color.....Color

Eyes.....Eyes

Color.....Color

Hair.....Hair

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....

DEAN STUDIOS

Dept. X-412, 211 W. 7th St.
Des Moines 2, Iowa

Up to a \$10 Portrait Studio Value Only \$1.

Any
Photo
Copied

20 BILLFOLD PHOTOS

\$1

Sent on
Approval

Double-Weight, Silk Finish, Portrait Paper. Each (2½ x 3½ inch) PHOTO is beautifully DECKLE EDGED.

50 for only \$2

(Send No Money)

Just to get acquainted we will make you these NEW artistic, **BILLFOLD PHOTOGRAPHS** that are the rage for exchanging with school mates, as gifts and enclosures with greeting cards or in correspondence. **SEND NO MONEY**, just enclose your favorite snapshot or any size photo for 20 or 50 BILLFOLD (Wallet) SIZE PHOTOS (one pose) suitable for

framing and keepsakes. Used by thousands of students, teachers, job seekers, parents, movie stars and others. Original returned with your order. Pay postman on arrival plus a few cents for our C.O.D. and postage or enclose the money and we prepay. **3-day service**. Portrait studio quality and satisfaction guaranteed. Please send within 15 days to

MOVYLAND STUDIOS Dept. 19, 211 W. 7th St., DES MOINES 2, IOWA

new figure mold HIDE-A-WAIST

17 Sensational Features

Streamline Your Waist

Hide Bulges

Say "good-bye" to that unbecoming tummy bulge and clumsy waistline . . . AND instead . . . enjoy what you need most for your figure with HIDE-A-WAIST. Wear it and presto-change — like magic you have graceful alluring curves. The unwanted bulge is evenly and comfortably banished. There are 17 sectional features that effect flattering curves. Keeps you smoothly shapely no matter what angle . . . sit, bend, stand or walk with comfortable, even grace. The secret of glamorous, stylish, women is to look graceful and alluring with a thinned waist line.

ADJUSTABLE To Tailor-Made Fit

The adjustable features allow you to get the custom fit perfection, comfort and attractiveness of a tailor fit. It's practically made to order for your figure. Gives you poise and posture. The 17 sections automatically mold your figure.

You get the support you need with unbelievable comfort. The specially designed concave effect permits HIDE-A-WAIST to adapt itself to your own diaphragm. You've never seen anything like it. You've never enjoyed so much freedom, comfort and style in anything else you've worn. The four extra-length detachable garters complete HIDE-A-WAIST. Comfortable too, without garters.

BEAUTIFUL IN YOUR HAND EXQUISITE ON YOUR FORM

You'll marvel at the value and beauty when you see your new HIDE-A-WAIST . . . BUT . . . when you put it on and see your new self, you'll be the happiest girl in the world. You'll look as thin and graceful as a sixteen-year-old nymph. Order your HIDE-A-WAIST now. It's new and not available in stores. Order direct without risk. You must be 100% delighted or we refund your money. Comes in sizes up to 40. The introductory price is indeed a bargain. Sizes up to 34 only \$2.98, plus postage. Sizes 35 and over One Dollar extra. (50c extra for the four extra-length detachable adjustable garters.)

FEATURES

Galore

17 Sectional Features
Streamline Waistline
Adjustable
Washable
Made of Leno Lace, satin-faced rayon.
Fully guaranteed. Lightweight. Cool - Ventilated. Will not wrinkle or ride up. Sizes 20 to 40.

You will look charmingly chic in your new Hide-A-Waist. Your stylish waistline will add new glamour to your favorite frocks . . . you will walk with an "air" of satisfaction and poise



HIDE-A-WAIST

Back View

10 DAY TRIAL FREE!

NOTE Fashion has emphasized the streamlined waist. Be up to the minute when you parade your pretty self . . . order your HIDE-A-WAIST now! Send direct to us for your HIDE-A-WAIST today. Wear it 10 days FREE and, if not delighted, return for prompt refund of full purchase price. Act at once, while this introductory offer is open. Just fill in coupon and drop it in the mail. We ship C.O.D. plus postage. But hurry coupon.

The S.J. Wegman Co.
35 Wilbur ST. Lynbrook, N.Y.

Dept. 574-H

Rush my new HIDE-A-WAIST three-in-one at once. If I am not thrillingly satisfied I will return it after 10-day FREE trial for prompt refund of full purchase price.

Size (waist size in inches).

Also send sets of extra-length detachable and adjustable garters at only 50c for set of four.

☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman on delivery plus

few cents postage.

☐ I enclose payment. The S. J. Wegman Co. will pay postage.

NAME

ADDRESS

ONLY
2⁹⁸
2 FOR
\$5.85

We'll Send a Box of Christmas Cards

To All Who Want EXTRA MONEY!

Make \$50 to \$300 and Even More In Your Spare Time...

It's Fun Too!... Lots of Folks Do It So Easily with

Wallace Brown Christmas Cards

Why not do as thousands of other folks do? No need to wish for extra cash to buy the things you want. You can make money so easily just by showing the famous balanced assortments of beautiful Wallace Brown Christmas Cards to your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers, fellow church and club members. They'll love this convenient way to order Christmas cards at home and they'll be delighted with the beauty, value and variety offered them. In this big nationally famous line of over 50 money-makers are the two shown here... the sensational, big-value 21-card "Feature" Christmas Assortment and the beautiful Velour on Parchment Christmas Assortment. They sell on sight for only \$1.00 each and you make up to 50¢ profit on each box! Mail the coupon NOW!

Big Line of Over 50 Thrilling Money-Makers!

You need no experience and you have so much to offer to bring you extra cash. There are exciting Christmas Assortments like the luxurious Religious Scripture-Text, the delightful Christmas Angels, sparkling, new "Tall" Jewel Scenes, gay and clever Merry Christmas Humorous, breathtaking Winter Magic Photochromes... Gift Wrappings and Ribbons too! In addition, a complete line of lovely Everyday cards for Birthdays, Get Well and other occasions. Also Children's Books, Imported Napkins, Stationery, and many novelty Gift Items! They all spell EXTRA MONEY for you!

SEND NO MONEY to Get Actual Samples

See for yourself how much money you'll make. Mail Coupon TODAY for "Feature" 21 Card Christmas Assortment on approval and FREE samples of low priced name-imprinted Personal Christmas Cards. We'll also include FREE, our beautiful, big, full color catalog of entire line to start you making extra money immediately.

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS — Raise money! Fill your treasury with cash by taking orders for Wallace Brown Cards and Gift Items from members and friends. Check coupon for details of Fund-Raising Plan and give name of organization.

WALLACE BROWN, INC. 11 EAST 26TH STREET
DEPT. S-123, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

Paste coupon on postcard or mail in envelope

WALLACE BROWN, INC. Dept. S-123
11 East 26th Street, New York 10, N. Y.

Please rush "Feature" 21-Card Christmas Assortment on approval, FREE Samples of Personal Christmas Cards and FREE full-color illustrated Catalog of money-making line.

Name _____

Address _____

City & Zone _____ State _____

☐ Check for organization plan _____



POPULAR PRICED Personals!

ACTUAL SAMPLES
FREE!



Make even more money with four groups of outstanding Special Value Name-Imprinted Personal Christmas Cards... distinctive styling, low prices — for every purse and taste — Traditional, Religious, Cute, Formal, Currier & Ives... exclusive designs, luxury papers, including rich, deep-toned Suedes and genuine Parchment Cards. They sell on sight!

We Deliver to Your Customers AND WE PAY THE POSTAGE!